GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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EXPLOITATION OF CHROMITE IN STATES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the States where chromite reserve areas have been discovered;

(b) the approximate quantum of chromite reserved in those States, State-wise;

(c) whether any long term plan has been formulated for the proper exploitation of chromite available in those States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ? THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

Answer

(a) & (b) : Chromite reserves have been discovered in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa and Tamil Nadu. As per IndianBureau of Mines (IBM) a subordinate organization under the administrative controller of the Department of Mines the approximate quantum of Chromite reserves state-wise as on 1.4.2000 are as follows :

S.No.	STATES	RESERVES(in thousand tones)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	186.77
2.	Jharkhand	465.53
3.	Karnataka	2114.35
4.	Maharashtra	542.50
5.	Manipur	91.50
6.	Orissa	110691.50
7	Tamil Nadu	282.12
	All India TOTAL	114374.27

(c) & (d) : Mining plans are approved by IBM for carrying out proper exploitation of the mineral in the leasehold areas. Chromite mining is carried out by a number of private mine-owners as well as the State government Corporations on grant of mining lease. Orissa Mining Corporation Limited (OMC) a State Government enterprise has set up a Chrome Ore Beneficiation Plant to upgrade low grade chrome ore for value addition and has undertaken development of underground mine in Bangur Chromite Mines in the Baula - Nausahi Region. The expert committee constituted by Government of India, Ministry of Steel on chromite,has recommended carrying out detailed exploration in all potential areas in Orissa, Karnataka and Ophiolite belt of North-Eastwith a view to assess the total resource potential of the country.